

Norwich School District



News in pursuit of truth

'Unintended consequences': Concern mounts in Montpelier about the newest changes to education finance

Lawmakers and the Scott administration fear school districts are packing extra spending into their budgets this year during a rare time when those increases won't necessarily be directly felt by all taxpayers.







Capitol Recap: Vermont lawmakers advance school tax rewrite to tamp down spending

Lola Duffort, 16 hours ago

With town meeting just one month away, Democratic lawmakers announced a plan to rewrite the state's education tax laws to induce at least some districts to go back to the drawing board and cut spending. If this proposal passes, some school budget votes will be postponed until later in the spring.

VALLEY NEWS

Some Upper Valley school districts postpone budget votes amid changes in Vermont's funding formula



Capitol Beat: Governor to lawmakers: 'I told you so'

Tax Rate



18.02%

Timeline

August 2023	Budgeting process begins
December 1, 2023	Tax Commissioner Letter - Yield Number Forecast
January 11, 2024	Board approves budget, 15.74% increase w/ 5% tax cap. Includes \$1.425 M in facilities improvements.
January 19, 2024	Letter from chairs of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance

January 19, 2024 Board chair Garrett Palm testifies in HWM.

January 23, 2024 Norwich board removes \$1.425M from budget.

February 22, 2024 H.850 signed by the Governor. Tax rate increase 18.02%

February 27, 2024 Norwich board considers further reductions and delayed vote



MCS Budget



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Dresden Budget



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Weighted Students



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Yield Numbers



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Yield Numbers



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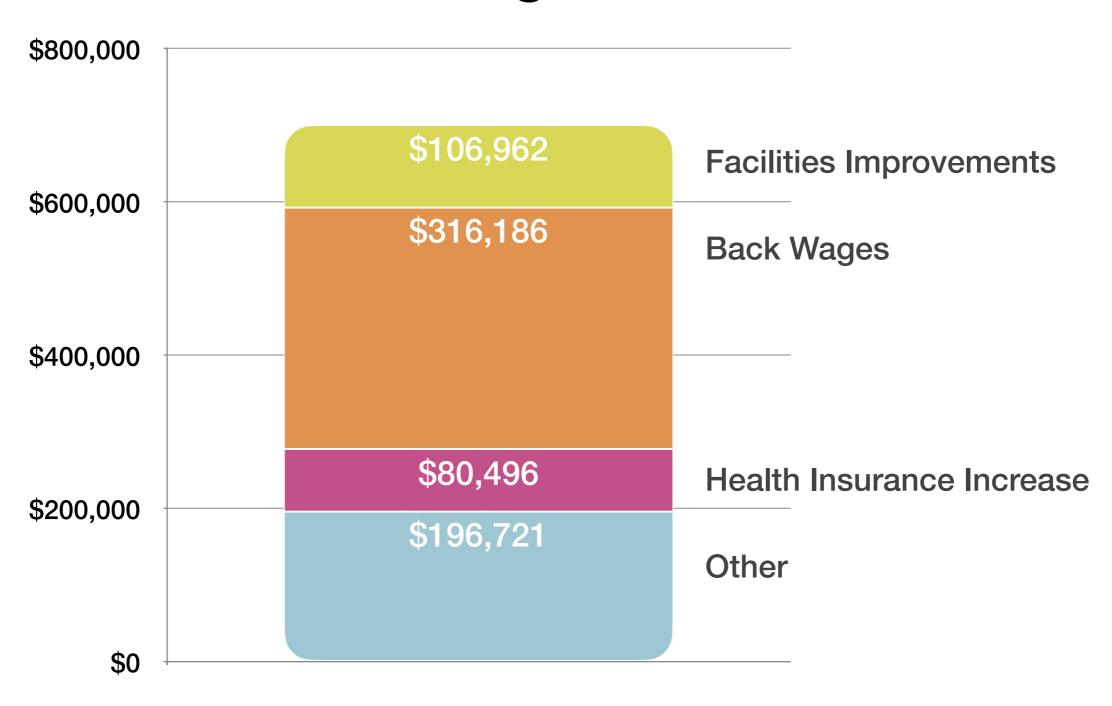


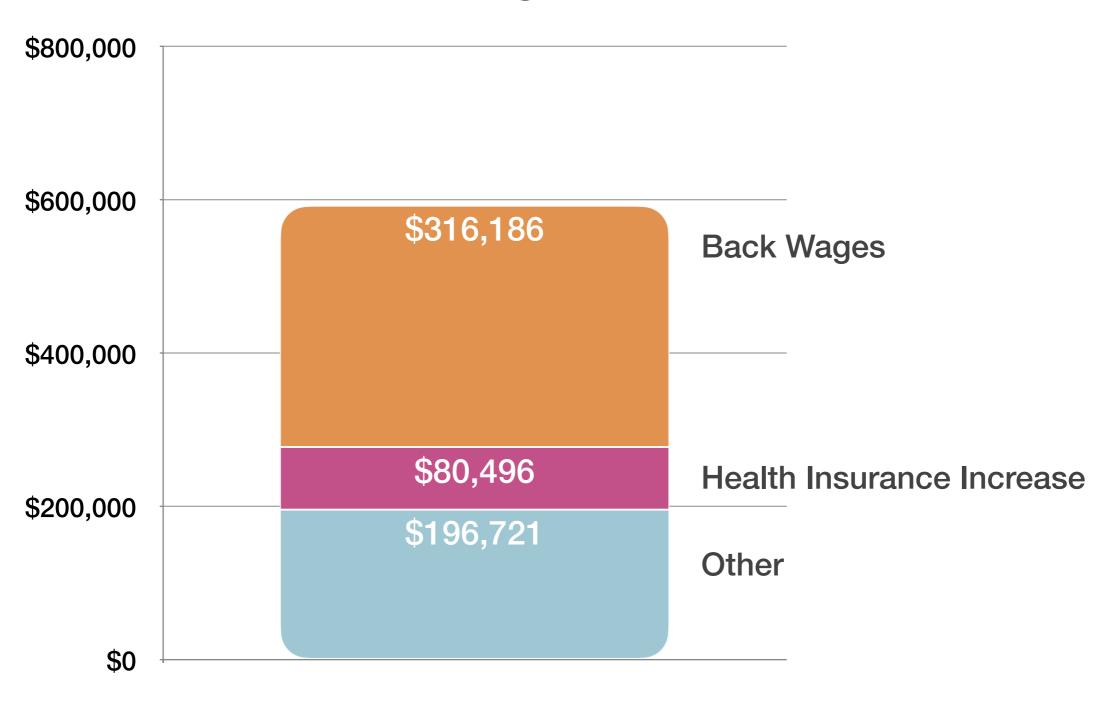
\$7,946,835

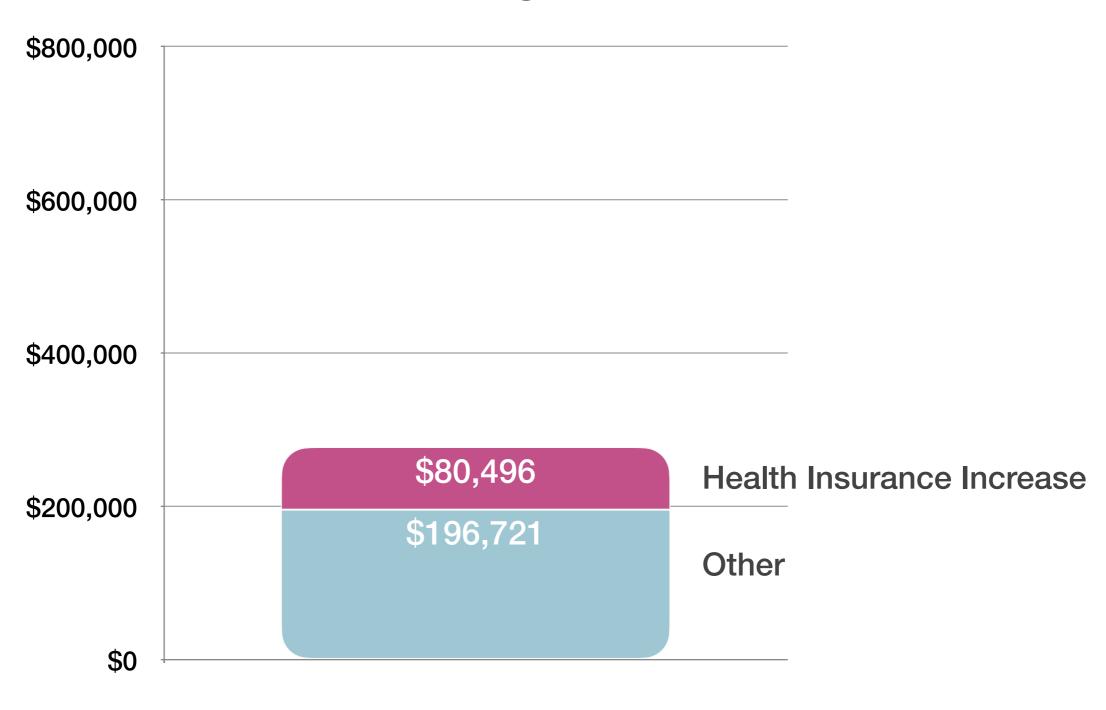
\$700,365

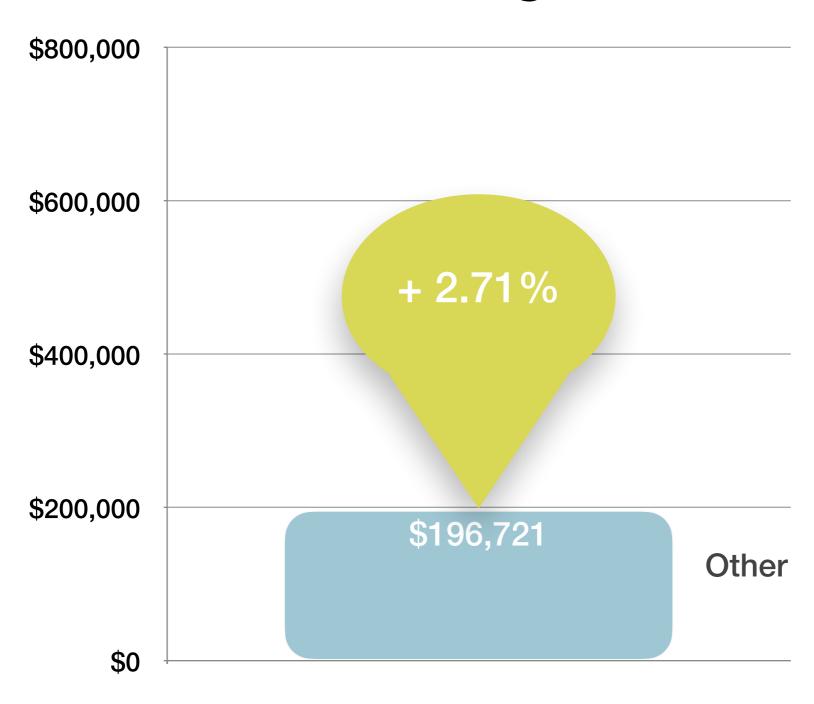


9.66%

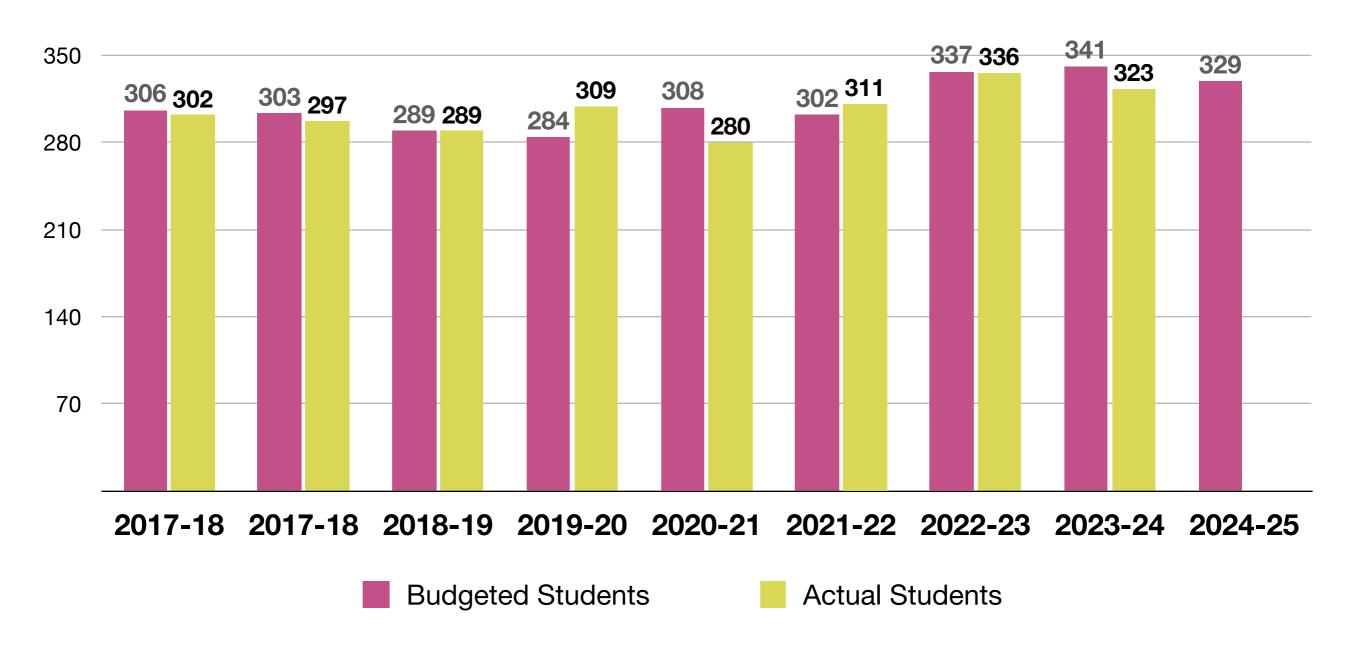




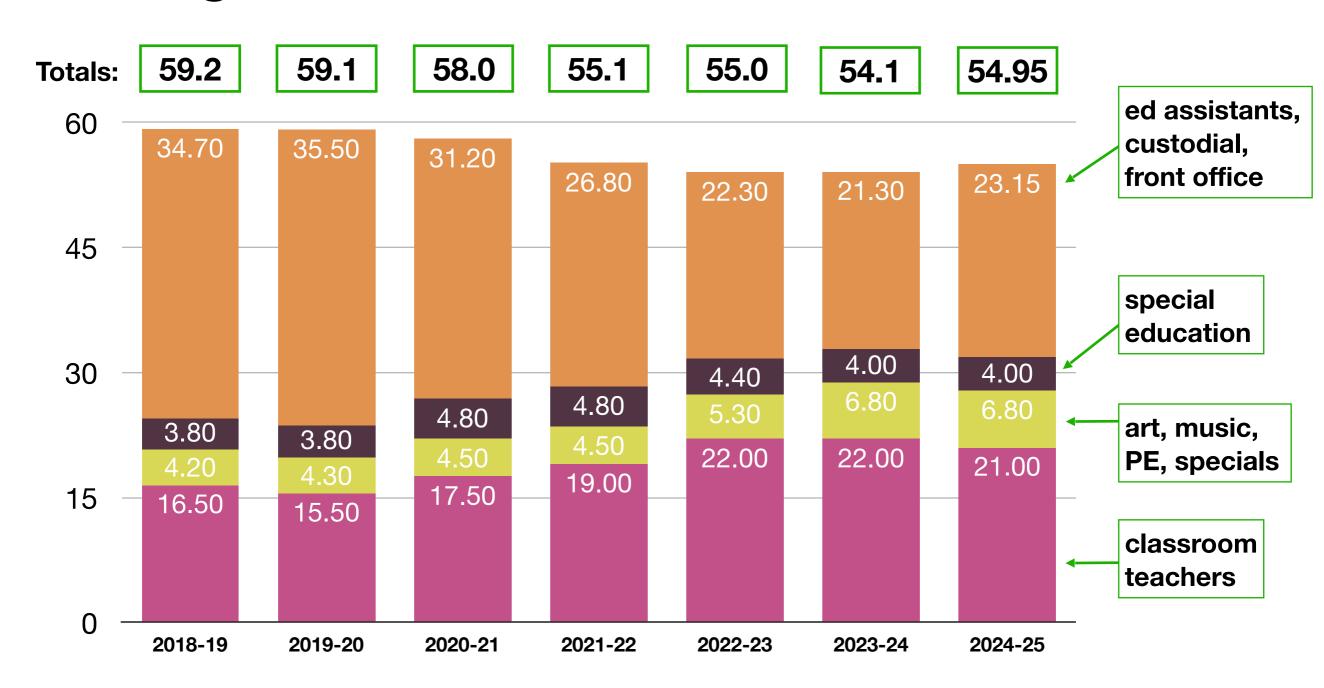




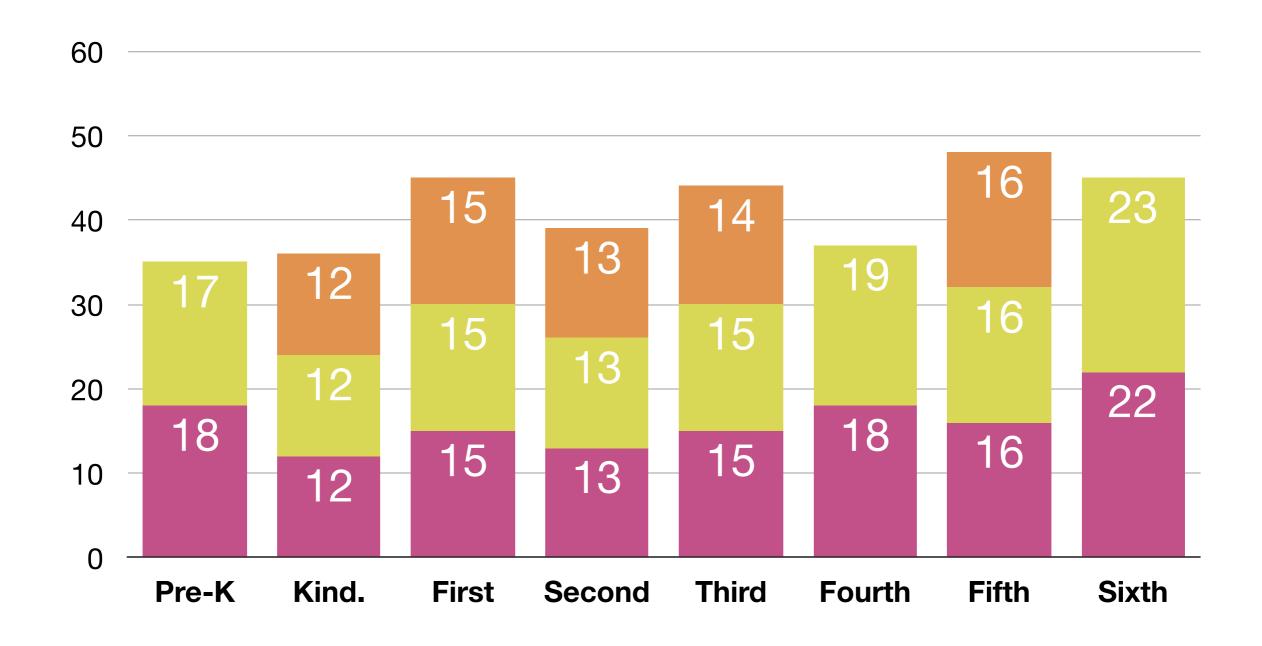
Enrollment



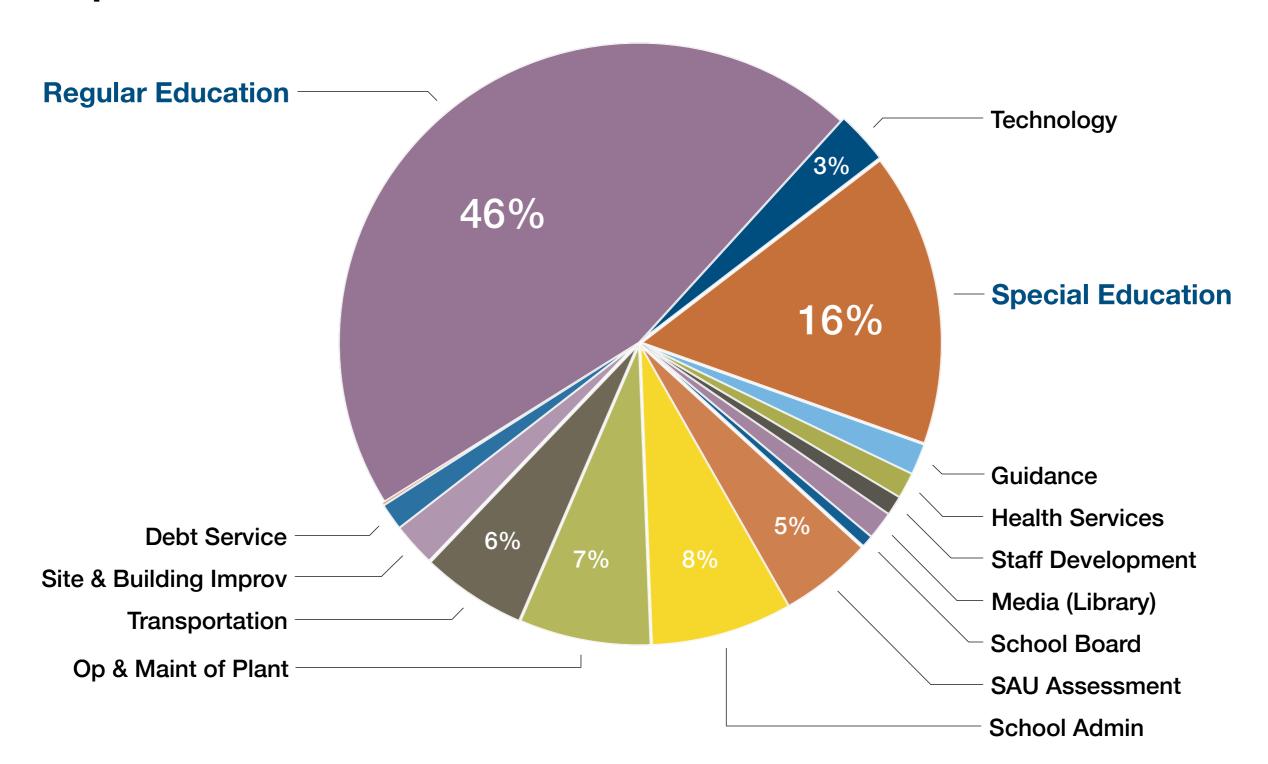
Staffing



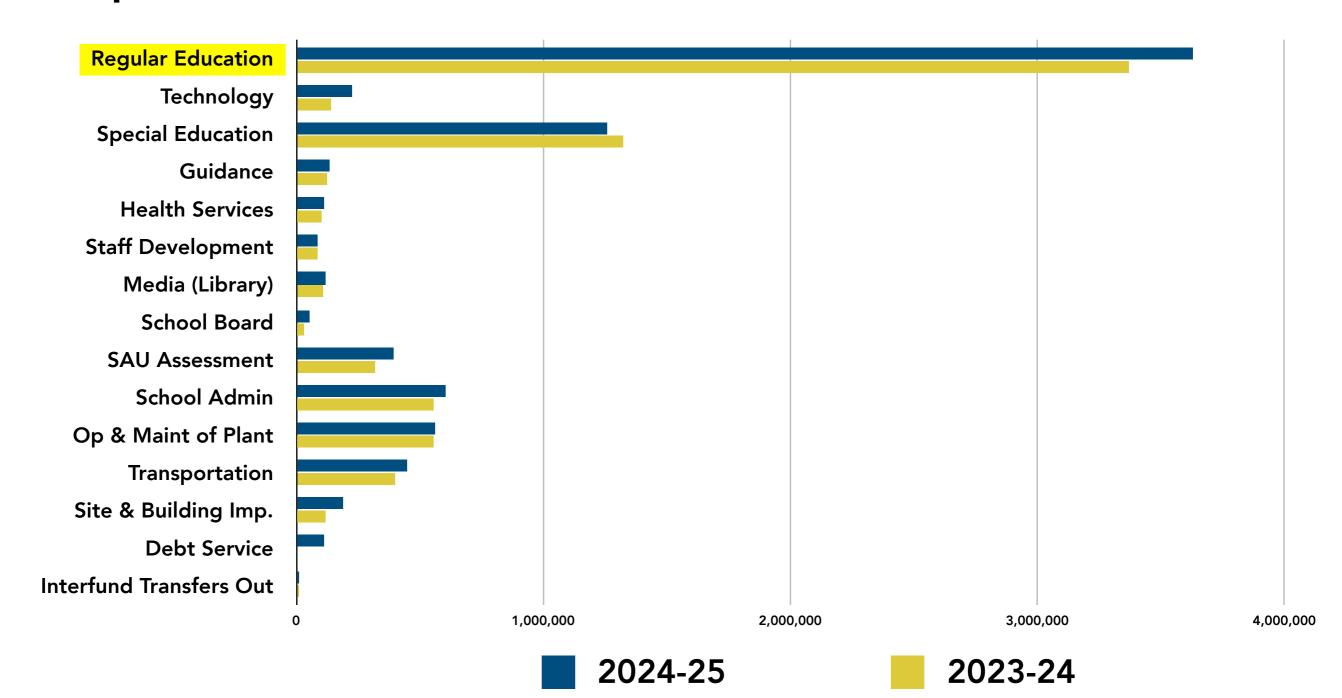
Planned Class Sizes 2024-25



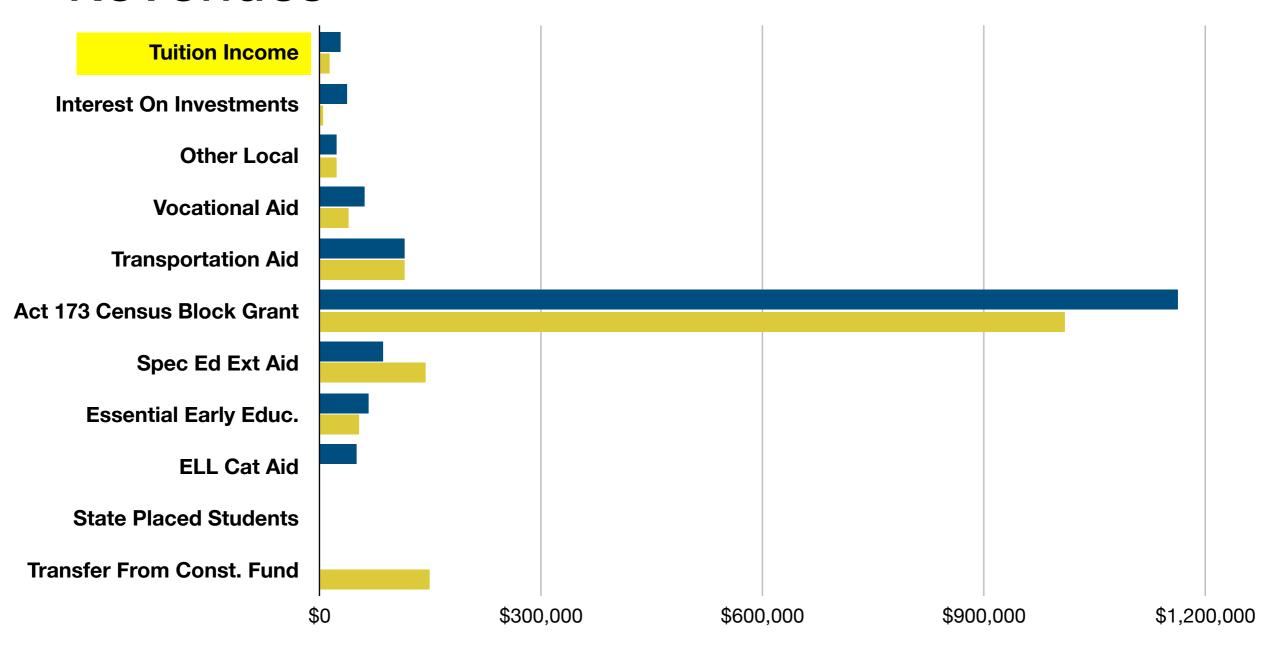
Expenditure Budget



Expenditures



Revenues

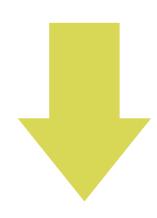




The Dresden Budget

\$30,266,289

\$872,177



2.80%



The Dresden Assessment

\$8,011,491

\$224,461





Weighted Students

 The cost of educating different categories of students differs

828.89



Property Yield

The amount of per pupil spending that a \$1.00 tax rate will generate.

\$9,775

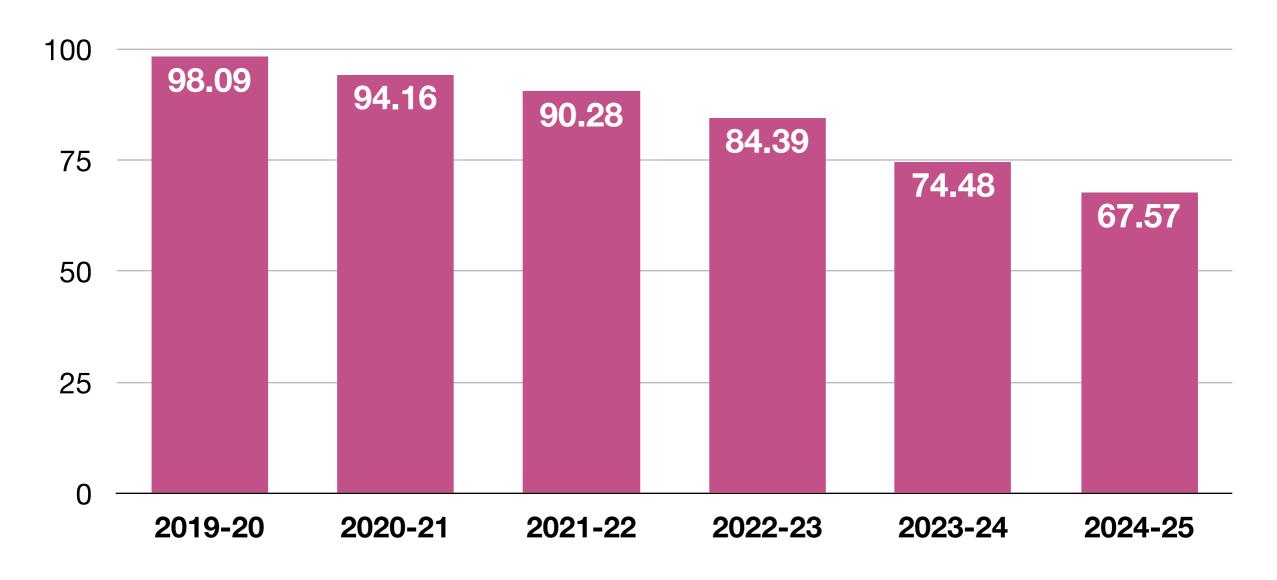
Income Yield

The amount of per pupil spending that a 2.0% income tax rate will generate.

\$10,191



The Common Level of Appraisal



New student weights phase-in



cent discount on tax rate

New student weights phase-in

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
Cent Discount	0.19	0.15	0.11	0.08	0.04

The Formulas

Property Tax Rate

Per-Pupil Spending ÷ Property Yield = Equalized Tax Rate

- 19 Cent Discount

÷ CLA = Local Tax Rate

Income Tax Rate

Per-Pupil Spending + Income Yield

x Fixed Income Rate (2.0%)

= Income Tax Rate

Tax Rate Calculation

	Marion Cross Budget	\$ 7,946,835
+	Dresden Assessment	\$ 8,251,704
=	Total Expenditures	\$ 16,198,539
-	less Revenues	\$ 1,762,022
=	Net Education Spending	\$ 14.436.517

Tax Rate Calculation

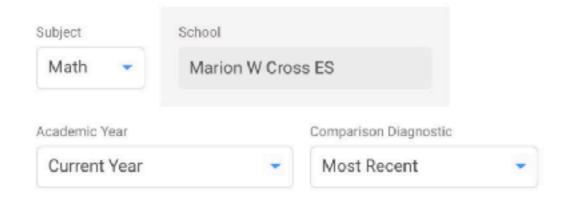
	Net Education Spending	\$ 14,436,517
•	LTW ADM	828.89
=	Net Ed. Spending per LTW ADM	\$ 17,417
•	Property Yield	\$ 9,775
=	Eq. Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.7818
-	19 Cent Discount	0.19
=	Discounted Tax Rate	\$ 1.5918
•	CLA	67.57%
=	Estimated Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 2.3557

Tax Rate Calculation

	Net Education Spending	\$ 14,436,517
•	LTW ADM	828.89
=	Net Ed. Spending per LTW ADM	\$ 17,417
•	Income Yield	\$ 10,191
=	Income Sensitized Rate	\$ 1.7091
X	2% income rate	2%
=	Income Sensitized Rate	3.4181%

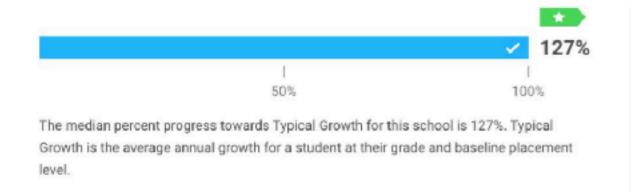
i-Ready Math Growth - Schoolwide

Diagnostic Growth *

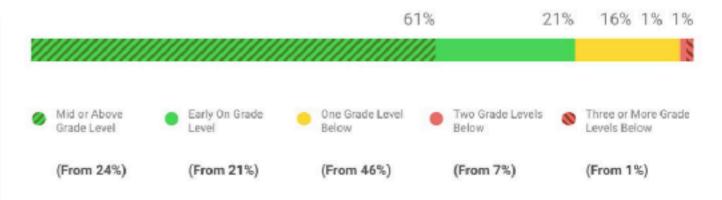


Students Assessed/Total: 292/297

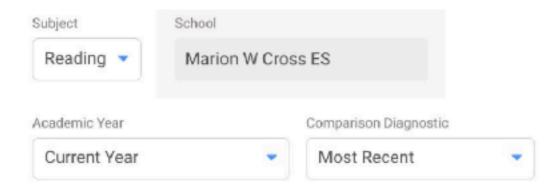
Progress to Annual Typical Growth (Median)



Current Placement Distribution

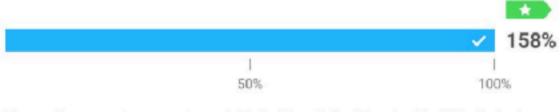


i-Ready ELA Growth - Schoolwide



Students Assessed/Total: 291/297

Progress to Annual Typical Growth (Median)



The median percent progress towards Typical Growth for this school is 158%. Typical Growth is the average annual growth for a student at their grade and baseline placement level.

Current Placement Distribution



VTCAP - Spring 2023 (% Proficient)

Grade	ELA	Math	Science
3	80%	76%	
4	88%	86%	
5	90%	69%	82%
6	93%	92%	

Questions?